AI Overview

Early-harvest fig varieties include **Celeste**, **Improved Celeste**, **Ronde de Bordeaux**, **Chicago Hardy**, **Florea**, **Pastiliere**, and **LSU Tiger**, among others, offering a way to enjoy figs sooner in the season, especially in short-summer climates. Celeste is particularly known for its small size and "sugar fig" flavor, while Ronde de Bordeaux offers a berry-like sweetness.

Early-Harvest Fig Varieties

Celeste/Improved Celeste

: Known for being one of the earliest to ripen, with a flavor similar to brown sugar and good rain resistance.

Ronde de Bordeaux

: A productive variety with a flavor described as blackberry and cherry with a hint of honey, ideal for short-summer regions.

Chicago Hardy (Hardy Chicago/Mt. Etna)

: A hardy, cold-tolerant variety that ripens early and has an earthy, sweet taste.

Florea

: Another early-ripening choice, sometimes called Michurinska-10, known for its early harvest.

Pastiliere

: Also called Rouge de Bordeaux, this variety produces its main crop early.

LSU Tiger

: A good option for early harvesting, although some consider it mid-season.

Dalmatie

: Listed as a favorite early fig variety.

Campaniere

: A cold-tolerant and early-ripening fig.

Marseillaise

: A recognized early fig variety.

Verdino del Nord

: A fig that ripens early.

Tips for Early Fig Growing

Choose the Right Variety

: Select varieties known for early ripening to extend your fig season, especially if you have a short growing period.

Grow in Pots

: Container growing can be a good option for fig trees, particularly in colder climates.

Monitor for Ripeness

: Look for signs of shriveling or a very ripe appearance on the fruit's surface to indicate it's ready to pick.